

SEASCALE GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER Spring 2015



Job Well Done



The tees will be brought into use once they have been top dressed. And of course many of us will come to know the new bunker on the right of the 11th intimately – and appreciate the hard work that went into creating such a gem.

Right throughout the winter we have had greens that have been an absolute pleasure to play on, running true and pacey. Again this is down to dedicated work from our green-keepers.

The new tee at the 9th now even more attractive.

Our greens staff have been working hard on the Winter programme of work and members will be delighted with the results. The two new tees at the 2nd and 9th would be reward enough, but the lads went even further and spruced up the 17th with a new cart track taking traffic away from the tee – something that has been much-needed.



New cart track around the 17th tee.



Raised tee at the 2nd.



Work is almost complete on the Soil Store extension to the Greens Shed. This is something that will allow the green-keepers to create the right mixes for the course and to free up a considerable amount of space in the greens shed to make that much more functional.



Soil Store extension almost complete.

Murder Mystery at the Golf Club

Kirsty put together a fantastic evening recently, entertaining seventy sleuths with a splendid three-course dinner, and employing theatre company *After Dark Productions* to deliver their *Mama Mia Murder Mystery* – with The Club House turned into a Greek village for the night. It really was a good night – but I didn't realise we had so many good-guy, bad-guy detectives in the Club.



Well held as Earth catches Harry – suits you sir!

Must do Better



Please adhere to the Etiquette of Golf – Repair your Pitchmarks. **It's your course – Look after it.**

Thank you to Gordon Hennis who took this photo showing a ball placed in each of the significant unrepaired pitchmarks on a recent Wednesday evening .

Etiquette and adhering to instructions was also raised at a recent Council meeting where the Captain said that there had been several reports of members and non-members not obeying the Club's course instructions (trolleys and even buggies over red lines and past no entry notices). There had also been a serious breach, when a few members played the course when it was closed (Note: In future the 1st tee markers and 18th Flag will be removed when the "Course Closed" sign is displayed).

Council were unanimous in the view that the Club's instructions had to be observed. It was agreed that all Members should be asked to strictly observe such instructions and also to ask all members to help police their observance by non-members. Council agreed that serial offenders, or those committing a serious breach, would be considered for suspension in accordance with the Club Rules.

Come on guys – play the game!

Snippets from Council

The Captain, John Roper and other Council members had helped with the re-decoration of the Dining Room – a vast improvement.

The Cumbria Union of Golf Clubs has invited Seascale to host the Northern Counties ‘Big Six’ once again in August 2017 and Council have agreed. The Club is hosting the Northern Counties Junior ‘Little Big Six’ in July this year .

The Club had taken receipt of a large quantity of AstroTurf at no cost. This was now available for re-covering worn out paths and is already proving its worth. Excess to Course needs may be sold off.

Council agreed to a member’s suggestion that all Seniors competitions will in future be for 55+, with the qualifying date being 1st of January.

Work is required to stabilise the stream banks at the 10th. Council agreed in principle to the capital expenditure on concrete panels to re-enforce both banks and a costed proposal is being progressed.

The charges for the new Buggy Store had been determined as:

- Large Buggy £100 per year
- Small Buggy £75 per year

With no additional charge for electricity.

Captain v Vice captain’s match had gone very well, especially with the Captain’s team winning 7 - 2.

The Race Night held recently run by Neil Gribbin with help from the John, Susan, Abby and Clare Roper had gone very well and raised £670 for the Captain’s charity.

External terrace - following discussion Council agreed not to proceed with the terrace, but would look to completion of the halfway house and revisit the potential for some driving bays on the practice ground.

Secretary/manager. An advertisement in *The Golf Club Secretary* magazine had so far attracted 7 well-qualified candidates and more are expected before the closing date of 25th April. Telephone interviews would be arranged for those candidates who wish to make a presentation on

On what they have to offer and how they would see the Club developing.

Applications for Apprentice Green-keeper were received and interviews completed. A candidate has been selected to start a week’s trial on 13th April.

Council agreed to look for a Summer Greens Support worker for Jun through September - a vacancy notice would be put up in the Club.

The Course Guides are being updated and will include a course map and safety on the course advice – they should be available in the very near future.

Cumbria Police wildlife officer visited us – badgers had been found shot (crime) on the beach. They are not saying that someone with shooting permission for the golf course is involved but are likely give warnings. Those with permissions must ensure they advise CNC Control Room and the Clubhouse Bar person as per their letter of permission.

Steve Pritt had resigned from Council due to personal reasons. He was thanked for his efforts.

Council considered the co-option of another Council member. It was agreed to offer the position to the next in line from the AGM vote (Judy Davidson) who has accepted the co-option.

On behalf of the Club, Council recorded its thanks to Martin Thomas our Assistant Secretary for all his work in the clubhouse and on the course over the last two years. Martin is leaving to start a new job – however, we will be seeing him on the course as a member.

This Year's Captains



Captain Stirling Graham



Lady Captain Sue Ridout

Welcome to Our New Members.

A warm welcome to all our new and returning members. Please do seek them out and make them feel at home. It can be a little daunting finding your feet when you join a club but a friendly face and a welcoming smile works wonders.

Eric Atkinson	Full 65+
Mark Bridgwood	Special 1st Year
Liam Campbell	Junior U18
Darren Donald	Special 1st Year
Cameron Duignan	Junior U18
Michael Dunne	Special 1st Year
Mark Farnworth	Special 1st Year
Meg Farnworth	Special 1st Year
Christine Fawcett	Special 1st Year
Stan Giel	Special 1st Year
Matthew Gill	Special 1st Year
Ian Hall	Special 1st Year
Steven Harrison	Special 1st Year
John Hawkins	Special 1st Year
Anthony Mace	Special 1st Year
Daniel Mackie	Special 1st Year
Paul Manning	Special 1st Year
Jamie Martin	Special 1st Year
Jordan Martin	Junior Over 18
Craig Morrow	Special 1st Year
Lucy Norcross	Junior Over 18
Shakira Pettigrew	Junior U18
Bruce Robson	Special 1st Year
Alexander Rose	Junior U18
Kristian Royle	Special 1st Year
Terry Sharkey	Full
Stephen Sim	Special 1st Year
Craig Smith	Special 1st Year
Adam Starkie	Special 1st Year
Adam Stewart	Special 1st Year
Martin Thomas	Special 1st Year
Chris Tunnicliffe	Special 1st Year
William Vernon	Junior U18
John Wakelin	Country

How are we doing?

In the last newsletter we explained that we have been monitoring feedback from visiting parties asking them what they thought of our course and facilities. We are very pleased to say that the response continues to be very positive and complimentary over all aspects – and a very definite appreciation of friendliness of the staff in the Club House.

We will soon have a Samsung Tablet available from the bar for visitors to post their assessment and comments directly to key sites.

One of the few criticisms of the course is a lack of signage. This will be addressed very soon.

Royal Visit

One of our visiting parties this year on 12th May is a party from Royal Perth Golf Club led by their Secretary Andrew Christie – and we are delighted to be able to welcome them to our course and Club.

The Perth Golfing Society was formed by a small number of Perth gentlemen at a meeting on 5th April 1824 in the Salutation Inn, Scotland's oldest hotel. Scarlet golfing jackets were worn for matches played on the South Inch and North Inch links and Sir David Moncreiffe became the first ever Club Captain. The sixth captain of the Club was Lord Kinnaird, and it was his access to royal circles that was instrumental in gaining royal patronage for the Club from King William IV in 1833. Royal Perth was the first golf club in the world to receive this honour. The present day patron is HRH the Duke of York.

The club moved several times until the present premises were purchased in 1875, with adjoining facilities added in 1896. In 1878, the Club name was expanded to become The Royal Perth Golfing Society and County and City Club to signify that the members are largely drawn from both Perth City and County areas.

The Club is the proud custodian of several golfing artefacts and golfing memorabilia. Some of the golf trophies and medals date back as far as 1825, and there are others dating from 1827 and 1838.

The Club owns 3 silver golf clubs from which hang silver golf balls – each inscribed with the name of a past captain. The oldest one, dating back to 1824 has 47 silver golf balls attached and is on loan to the British Golf Museum in St. Andrews where it is on permanent display except when returned for the annual Dinner in Perth. The latest silver club was commissioned to celebrate the Millennium 2000 and is a replica of an 18th century putter which was sold in 1998 for a then world record price.



Seascale Golf Club



2015 SUMMER OPENS
A 'Mini' Series of Saturday Opens
1st 2nd and 3rd Prizes each day
Building to the 3 out of 4 Series

Saturday 9th May
 Saturday 6th June
 Saturday 11th July
 Saturday 22nd August
2 Hours of am + 2 Hours of pm slots
4BBB Stableford Format

Entrance:
£30 per team per comp (£100 the Series) visitors
£15 per team per comp (£50 the Series) members
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Membership

One of the most frequent questions we get is ‘how is the membership doing?’ We do monitor this closely and a bit anxiously. This year’s pattern is very similar to last year’s and points out that we need to do more to retain members and to gain new members. Our membership rates have remained steady and with County Cards, Personal Insurance and access to the 1893 Club – we are giving a good deal.

5 th April 2015	Paid (New)	Resigned	No Reply	2014
Men Full&Over 18	309(22)	34	39	360
Ladies	27(1)	3	4	33
Junior U18	19(3)	2	18	36
Junior U18 with HC	11	0	6	17
Non-playing	27(1)	2	16	44
Total	394(27)	40	83	490

Saturdays during Spring Free Taster Sessions

Book your Taster Session at the Bar

Coaching: 10.00 – 12.00

Par 3 Course 13.00 – 15.00

Full round taster

By arrangement with the Secretary

Golf Equipment provided

Tel: 019467 28202

Seascale Golf Club

**There’s Never Been a Better
Time to Get into Golf**

Membership rates held
steady for 3 years

Greenfees held steady for 5
years

**1st Year Special Rate still
£299!**

Membership includes:

- Affiliation fees
- 1893 Club - free round on over 30 courses
- County Card – discount golf at 1300 courses -
- Personal and Property Damage Insurance

Juniors £25

**College Students
£60**

Vouchers available now:

£10 Junior Golf Voucher
1 Summer or 2 Winter
Rounds

£20 Par Golf Voucher
1 Summer or 2 Winter
Rounds

£38 Birdie Golf Voucher
2 Summer or 4 Winter
Rounds

£70 Eagle Golf Voucher
4 Summer or 8 Winter
Rounds

All vouchers bought and
Greenfees paid count
towards purchase of your
membership for the year.